

From Monday's Daily, Oct. 24.

**OUTRAGE AND MURDER.****A Young Lady Foully Murdered  
In Sedalia Last Night.****The Fiend Outrages and Then  
Cuts Her Throat.****Details of the Tragedy.**

This morning about day break as Louis Bahner, a Main street blacksmith, who lives in the southwest part of the city was going down to his work he discovered the body of a murdered girl by the side of the road on Seventeenth near Montau. He gave the alarm and a crowd quickly gathered. Many were the conjectures as to who the murdered girl was but at length it was discovered to be Johanna Schollman, a servant girl of Mayor Ed. Stevens.

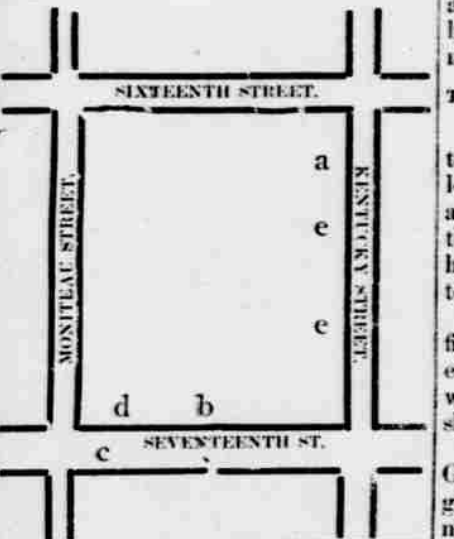
**THE SCENE OF THE MURDER.**

The remains were lying just at the edge of the beaten track among the weeds on Seventeenth. Death had been caused by choking and a knife thrust in the neck, but the girl's torn and mutilated hands showed that there had been a desperate struggle and that she had grasped her assailant's knife repeatedly to protect herself from its thrusts.

An examination of the place of the murder showed that it had been committed, or the struggle for life and death had begun, close to the hedge at the corner of Seventeenth and Kentucky. At first it was believed that the girl had been murdered there and her body dragged to the place where it was found, but this is hardly likely. There is little blood near the hedge and if she had been killed there, there would be no reason for dragging her body to the place where it was found. By the hedge it was in full view of all who might pass. A more probable solution of the mystery is that the murderer assaulted the girl near the hedge, that she resisted and the struggle was prolonged until they reached the road forty feet farther east, where the murderer succeeded in striking her down.

The weeds were all crushed and bits of fur from the girl's cloak had been torn off and caught on them. While it was evident that a knife had been used, still as there was little blood at the place, some supposed that the girl was either choked to death or murdered at some other place and brought there. Of the latter there is little evidence.

The following diagram will more clearly explain where the body was found:



A—Dr. Small's residence.  
B—Dr. Small's stable.  
C—Where body was found.  
D—Where knife was found.  
E—Residences.

**A KNIFE FOUND.**

John Hyatt, who was early on the spot, made a careful search of the ground, and found a pocket knife in the hedge which surrounded Dr. Small's residence. It had blood and pieces of fur from the girl's cloak on it.

It was a common horn-handled knife with two blades, one about 2½ inches long.

The girl was fairly well dressed, and wore a cloak covered with spots of black fur, some of which was torn off by the weeds. Her dress was slate colored.

**STATEMENT OF DR. A. V. SMALL.**

A colored man came to my house this morning and told me that there was a dead body in the street. I went with him and found a woman dead in the weeds near the southwest corner of Seventeenth and Montau streets, little west of my stable, evidently dragged there from the corner of the street, ten or fifteen yards away, little on one side of the track lying on her back. Should judge from appearance that she had been choked as there was froth about her mouth. A knife was found on the opposite side of the hedge in my lot. It was a common pocket-knife with a blade about three inches long. The woman had on a new pair of shoes. There was but

little blood to be seen at or near the corpse. Evidently the murder had been done elsewhere and the body brought there.

**HER UNCLE'S STATEMENT.**

One strange feature of the case was that the body was found just across the street from the girl's uncle, M. A. Honeyfelt, a carpenter, who said to a BAZOO representative:

Johanna was not my niece but was related to me by marriage and called me uncle. She was in the habit of coming to my house every Sunday and sometimes during the week. I had not seen her since a week ago yesterday.

Four years ago she was seduced by—Shupe who worked for Major Beck. He was sued for seduction and paid her \$125.

A child was born which is now at the girl's father's house. He lives on my farm in Benton county.

**HER LOVERS.**

"Yes she had lovers. She was a good looking girl and dressed well. Her lovers were Richardson, who lives near Association park and a man named Taylor. I do not know either's first name, nor do I know where Taylor lives or works."

"Yes the two had some trouble. Once Taylor came to my house after her when she had gone out with 'Dick' as we call Richardson. It made him angry."

"She had another lover whom I think she would have married. His name is Henry Garles and he lives somewhere in Nebraska. I do not know the name of the place. I have seen letters from him, and he offered to send her money to take her out to him, when he would marry her. She was in her twenty-fifth year."

**MAYOR STEVENS' STATEMENT.**

Mayor Stevens was called upon by a BAZOO reporter and made the following statement:

"The murdered girl had worked for me about six months. Of late her conduct had been so bad that we found it necessary to turn her off and I advertised for another servant. She went out late at night and was running with colored men. The other girls in the house had warned my wife of this several times and one of them suspected that she was in the family way."

Sunday, after dinner, Johanna told my wife she was going to leave. She packed her trunk, leaving it for my colored man 'Dick,' to take to her uncle's today. She said she was going there last night.

**THE FIRST CLUE.**

"From my house she went to Mrs. Miller's on the corner of Webster and Grand, and remained there until about 7 o'clock, when a man called and took her away in a buggy. When Mrs. Miller went to the door the man turned his head away so that she could not identify him. My man, 'Dick,' called there a short time afterward. He was at home last night so that I know he was not implicated in the affair."

**TRAGEDY TO AN ICE CREAM PARLOR.**

About half a past nine the girl entered Frank Avansino's ice cream parlor at 224 Ohio street. She was accompanied by a young man and they ordered ice cream. The girl ate hers but the young man did not seem to care for his.

This morning Mr. Avansino identified the remains as the girl who entered his parlors and he is certain that he would know the young man if he should see him.

The remains were also identified by Geo Stetter of the BAZOO as those of a girl he had seen in the saloon last night and he thinks he would know her companion if he should meet him.

**THE BLOODY BUGGY.**

A buggy was engaged at Farnham's livery stable by James Yunt a young man pretty well known here, but who has been working in Clinton lately. It was brought back at 11 o'clock at night and there was blood on one of the hubs. Yunt was at the stable this morning and laughed at the suspicion that he was a murderer. Said his nose bled while he was out driving.

**THE GIRL'S FELLOWS.**

Mayor Stevens says that the two lovers of the girl, mentioned by Mr. Honeyfelt, were his colored boy, 'Dick,' and a colored teamster, Taylor. Dick had taken her out to her uncle's sometimes.

**THE MURDERED GIRL.**

Johanna Schollman, was a German girl, who had lived in Sedalia for several years. Her uncle, M. A. Honeyfelt, lives at the corner of Seventeenth and Montau, just across the street from where the victim's body was found. The girl was very good looking, had light brown hair and gray eyes. She was about medium height and was inclined to be fleshy. When murdered she wore a slate colored dress and a brown sack trimmed with black fur. Her hat was bright with flowers.

Her parents were notified by telegraph.

**SHE WAS OUTRAGED.**

The coroner viewed the remains

about 8 o'clock and then telephoned to McLaughlin Bros., who sent out a hearse and had the body conveyed to their undertaking rooms.

When found the body was still warm. At the undertaking room an inquest was held by Coroner Mudd and Drs. Steckman, Crawford, Small, Conkrite and Dresell. They found evidence that the girl had been outraged before she was murdered.

The doctors also found that she was in the family way and that the foetus was four months old.

The doctors dissected down the integument and fascia of the upper and anterior part of the neck. They found an incised wound made by some sharp instrument just to the left of the median line of the chin and sternal notch passing through the superior carotid triangle.

It passed through the left common carotid artery and stopped just back of the trachea.

**CORONER'S JURY.**

The following coroner's jury was sworn and convened at 2 p. m.

F. S. Arnold, E. E. Johnston, Jas. Kingsley, Wm. Courtney, Frank Newton.

At 2:30 the jury convened in the county court room and it was decided that the inquest should be strictly private. The public was excluded and each witness taken in and examined separately.

**THEORIES.**

As yet all conjectures concerning the murderer or the cause of the murder, are but conjectures. That the girl was out riding Sunday evening with some young man is certain. He called for her about 7 o'clock and was seen with her at 9:30. There the clues dropped. Who the young man was has not been learned as yet. But he cannot remain hidden long. The fact that he has not come forward and told what he knew causes suspicion to rest upon him. But whether he was a murderer or not is of course unknown.

One theory is that she accused the young man of being the father of her unborn child and he decided to put her out of the way. But this would hardly tally with the fact that she had been outraged.

This latter would indicate that she was murdered by some one with whom she had not been intimate.

**THE PUBLIC AROUSED.**

The terrible tragedy has shaken Sedalia from center to circumference. Nothing else is talked of to-day, and business men have been aroused to a sense of the insecurity of life in our midst. This afternoon a petition was circulated calling for a mass meeting to be held at the court house to-morrow night to discuss ways by which life and honor can be protected. It will be a rousing meeting and it is to be hoped that some steps will be taken to secure the safety of women in Sedalia.

From Tuesday's Daily, Oct. 25.

All day long yesterday Marshall DeLong and the city police were working upon the Johanna Schollman murder case, and by three in the afternoon felt that they had enough evidence to arrest Dick Robinson for the crime. He was the lover spoken of by the uncle yesterday in his interview with the BAZOO reporter. It was found that he had engaged a buggy at Field's livery stable on Main street Sunday night and had returned it late at night. On examination Monday, blood stains, and pieces of black fur were found upon the mat in the bottom. He also returned and called for a bundle about the size of the one Johanna Schollman took with her when she left Mayor Stevens' in the afternoon.

**WAS HER LOVER.**

It proved true, as stated in Mr. Honeyfelt's report with the BAZOO reporter yesterday, that 'Dick' was her lover, and wanted to marry the girl. She had consulted her uncle about it a week before the murder and he had told her she would disgrace the whole family by marrying a negro.

**HER OTHER LOVER.**

Henry Garles, a German, who now lives in Nebraska, had been her lover in the old country and still wished to make her his wife. Recently he had written to her that he would send money to pay her fare to Nebraska if she would go out and marry him. He said that he owned a farm and was doing well. It seems that she had consented to marry him for he sent her \$12. This she had last Sunday when she was murdered.

The case seems clear to the authorities that she had told Dick of her intention. She also made an arrangement with him to call at Mrs. Miller's after church. She may have gone out with some white man early in the evening and have been seen in the ice cream parlors with him and afterwards have met Dick. This would tally with all reports and explain Mayor Stevens' statement that Dick was at

home about 9 o'clock. When cross-questioned about the knife which was found, he trembled like a leaf.

**ARRIVAL OF THE PARENTS.**

The father and mother of the murdered girl arrived in the city last night and went to McLaughlin Bros. at once to view the remains. They were touchingly overcome as they gazed upon the mutilated body of their daughter, and the pathos of the scene was all the greater because they were unable to express their grief in English. They have been over from the old country only about three years, having emigrated after their daughter had arrived. They brought a friend with them who acted as interpreter.

**THE BURIAL.**

The body lay in the undertaking rooms last night and this morning and was accessible to all who wish to see it, but the notices of yesterday had thinned out the crowd so that this morning comparatively few visited the place.

The parents took no step to secure any more than a burial in the potters' field.

About 10 o'clock the body was placed in a plain coffin, loaded into the undertaker's van and conveyed to the city cemetery where it was buried in the potters' field without a word or a prayer.

**THE INQUEST.**

The coroner's jury continued its inquest secretly this morning. Mayor Stevens was placed in the box and cross-questioned about the girl's habits and the relation of Dick Robinson to the case. Frank Stewart, colored, Mr. Fields and Will Howells of the livery stable, N. W. North and others were examined.

**THE LIVERY MEN'S STORY.**

The liverymen, Mr. Fields, who hitched up the team for Robinson, Sunday night, and W. Howells, who received it when he returned, testified that Mr. Stevens' man came for a rig about 7 o'clock Sunday night, and brought it back between 8:30 and 9. Neither of them examined the buggy to see if there was any blood in it. Will Howells stated that Robinson returned Monday morning shortly after breakfast and asked for a bundle that had been left in the buggy the night before. He secured it and went away.

**A MYSTERIOUS VISITOR.**

N. M. North, a carpenter who lives at Eighteenth and Kentucky, one block north and east from where the murder occurred, had a mysterious visitor Sunday night. Some time between 9 and 10 o'clock there was a rap at the door and on it being opened a man asked for a drink of water. It was given him but he kept himself hidden, reaching his hand out for the cup, but remaining in the shadow. He seemed to be trying to avoid recognition. Mr. North was curious and watched him as he went away and would know him again. He was of medium height, dark hair and short black mustache. Wore a stiff hat and light clothes.

**A BARBER'S STORY.**

Steele, the Lamine street barber, lives on Second, one block from Market square. He states that Johanna Schollman was intimate with his family, visiting them frequently. It was a common occurrence for her to go with them to church and once she accompanied them to a church social. His opinion of the girl was that she was not very bright as she would talk of things which were not generally mentioned in "society." He knew nothing about any intimacy with Stevens' colored man except once. On Saturday night about a month ago she came to his house and told his wife she wished to remain there until Dick would call for her. When Mr. Steele returned home about midnight his folks were in bed but the girl was lying on the floor in the front room. She had refused to go to bed, but lay down in the front room to wait for Robinson. She left early in the morning before any of the family was up.

**THAT SUNDAY NIGHT RIDE.**

When Dick Robinson was first spoken to concerning his whereabouts Sunday night he stated that he had been at church but that he had not been out buggy riding. Later on, when cross-questioned he admitted that he had been riding for a short time but not with the murdered girl. When it was proven that he had engaged a rig at Field's livery stable, he then set about finding a plausible explanation, and hit upon the story that he had been out driving with a colored girl, Frances Williams.

**THE GIRL DENIES.**

When this statement was made, the officers at once hunted up the Williams girl and had her before the jury. There she positively denied having been out riding with Robinson, or even having seen him Sunday evening.

A BAZOO reporter saw him in the county jail this morning and in reply to a question on this point he tried to explain the affair by saying that the girl had another fellow who would

beat her if he knew she was out riding with someone else, and for this reason had told a falsehood.

**THAT BUNDLE.**

Robinson called at the livery stable Monday morning and secured a bundle which had been left in the buggy the night before and which tallied in every respect with the description given of the one Johanna Schollman took with her when she left Mayor Stevens. Detective Applegate, of St. Louis, asked him what it contained:

"Was it her night-gown?"

"O no," Robinson answered, "It was some kind of black stuff."

Later on when questioned he said it was a bundle of old papers and still later on told a BAZOO representative and others that it was a bundle of natural leaf tobacco.

Robinson states that he took the bundle home and placed it in a box where it could be found. He also stated that he had asked Mayor Stevens to go and look for it. The bundle has been searched for but has not been found, thus forging another link of the chain which seems to be tightening around the suspected man.

**MISS HANNAH.**

One clue which the detectives worked upon from the first was the manner in which Johanna was called out of Mrs. Miller's house. A man drove up in a buggy and called for "Miss Hannah."

It is common among colored people in the south to put the prefix "Miss" before the name of all ladies, and "Hannah" was the name Robinson always gave the Schollman girl. From this the detectives imagined at the start that the man who called for her was Dick himself and that she went out with him.

**IN THE ICE CREAM PARLOR.**

The officers explain Miss Schollman's appearance in the ice cream parlor, if indeed she was there at all, by supposing that Dick left her while he put up the rig between 8 and 9 o'clock. They think that she then picked up this white man on the street and with him stopped for ice cream.

Dick was looking for her and called a second time at Miller's. When he found her, it is as likely that they quarreled over her trip with the white man as anything else.

**WAS NOT OUTRAGED.**

The story that the murdered girl had been outraged was denied to-day. The evidence was very light in the first place and was caught at on the spur of the moment when all was excitement over the case. It has since been decided that the slight abrasion was nothing more than what might have been caused by undue intimacy with one or more men that night.

**ROBINSON'S STORY.**

The accused man, or rather, the man under suspicion, was seen at the jail by a BAZOO reporter this morning. At first he denied knowing anything about the case, but after a few questions talked freely. He said that he engaged a buggy at Field's livery stable on Main street about 7 o'clock Sunday night and took a girl, Frances Williams, out riding. He returned the buggy about half a past eight and then went over to the colored church, on the north side, returning to Mayor Stevens' immediately after the service was over. When confronted with the Williams girl's statement he said she had told a falsehood to screen herself as she had another fellow who would beat her if he knew she was out riding. He claimed that Johanna had asked him repeatedly to take her out to her uncle's, but he had refused. The bundle he left in the buggy, he said, contained natural leaf tobacco. He denied ever having thought of marrying the girl, but said she intended to go to Nebraska and marry a white man there. He positively asserted that he was at home all night.

**ABOUT FOUR O'CLOCK.**

There is a rumor which could not be traced down, that Robinson had been seen going into Mayor Stevens' stable, where he sleeps, about 4 o'clock Monday morning.

The pants he had on were examined and spots were found on them, but whether they were spots of blood or not, has not been decided.

**DOCTORS DISAGREE.**

The coroner's jury has been in session all day and seem about as far from a decision now as when they began. Every now and then they think they have a clue but another witness either tangles it up or gives them another. The doctors also are inclined to disagree. One is of the opinion that the girl could have been murdered early in the evening and her body remain warm until 9 o'clock the next morning. Another is of the directly opposite opinion and thinks the murder must have been committed early in the morning.

There is much work for the jury to do yet. It will be necessary to learn

just where Robinson spent every hour of Sunday night and what time he returned home in the morning. This will certainly come out in a day or so, as he must have been seen by some one if he was not in his room the whole time.

Whether he was the murderer or not it is also the proper thing to find out who that white man was and get his story of the night.

**OVERHEARD.**

Two colored men were standing at the corner of Seventh and Ohio this afternoon and one asked:

"But why did he kill her?"

"Because the—fool didn't think."

It may have been mere gossip and it may have been spoken by a confidante of Robinson's.

**MASS MEETING.**

Of course there has been rumors on the street corners that there would be a lynching to-night but there is no great fear. The people intend to wait until they are certain then act.

The city has been flooded with circulars calling for a mass meeting at the Court house to-night. It will be largely attended and the citizens of Sedalia will take some steps towards the protection of life in our city.

From Wednesday's Daily, Oct. 26.

Yesterday afternoon the evidence about Robinson had become so conclusive that only one clue remained to be found—the bundle which Robinson took from Field's livery buggy. Late in the afternoon a search was made for it in the manure pile at Mayor Stevens' stable. After digging down a short distance it was found. It contained a black dress belonging to the girl and her empty pocket book. It was also quite certain that a \$5 bill with which Robinson paid for the rig belonged to the murdered girl.

**TAKEN AWAY.**

Fearing mob law the officers decided to take Robinson from the city, and gave out the report that he was in Jefferson City, which is not exactly true. At midnight they hurried him from the county jail to the railroad track and swung him on to No. 4 as it passed. In a few hours he was safe within strong walls.

**CORONER'S INQUEST.**

The coroner's inquest was in session again to-day, but allowed no one but the jury and witnesses to be present. It will not conclude its labors for several days. It adjourned at noon until 4 o'clock this evening. Everything is preternaturally quiet over the city to-day. No one seems to know anything about the case, yet everybody is interested in it. But with the finding of the bundle containing the murdered girl's dress, public opinion settled down upon Robinson as the guilty man.

**WHO WAS HE.**

There yet remains to be found the white man who was said to have been seen with the girl about 9:30, if in deed she was seen with such a person. This person has kept remarkable shady.

Another point. If she was in the ice cream parlor at 9:30 the whole story of the bloody buggy is knocked in the head. It was returned at 8:30 and if the girl was alive at that time it cuts no figure in the tragedy.

It may be that Robinson knows who the murderer is and was an accomplice even if not the murderer himself.

**STAND BY ROBINSON.**

It was a good thing for justice that the accused was hurried out of town, for when it became known that the bundle had been found, it is possible that a mob might have gathered.

Mayor and Mrs. Stevens still stand by their servant. He had been with them for fifteen years and had been trusted in everything. While the Mayor was absent he was entrusted with warrants and money as fully as any one could be. His employers never had a doubt of him, at the same time his reputation for veracity among the colored people was not good.

**RUMORS AFLOAT.**

It was extensively rumored this morning that Robinson, the negro, had confessed, and had sent for Sheriff Smith to come to him. Sheriff Smith denied this, however, and stated that Robinson had given no satisfaction in his answers to the various questions propounded.

**The Hughesville Case.**

The Hughesville scandal still hangs fire. Milton Hutchinson and Dollie Burnett are charged with unlawful cohabitation but when the prosecution is ready for trial the defense is not and vice versa. They were to have had a hearing to-day but the case was again continued. The attorneys are trying to compromise the case and this may be done this afternoon.

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